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Club Column

SO we try again. I hesitate to say welcome back just in case the weather whips in another low blow but with any luck the season can now get going once again.

Today we welcome the players, officials and supporters from Wigan Athletic and a glance at the Division Four table tells us that the Latics are going pretty well this season and can be expected to give us plenty of problems.

Problems are nothing new for us this season, of course, and we are hoping the latter half of the season will bring that vital improvement to push us back up the table. To help with that campaign we welcome back David Carlton after a three-match suspension that took seven weeks to complete.

David started in November, playing his last match in the narrow away defeat at Peterborough. He would have expected to be back before Christmas but the snow has kept him kicking his heels until now. Now his great experience will be of real importance to us.

The home matches lost under the blizzards were against Rochdale, Port Vale, York City and Halifax Town, which means we are going to be busy later in the season fitting them all in — as well as the away games we lost. We will keep you posted here on the fresh dates as soon as they are re-arranged.

Injuries and weather providing we may well be welcoming a new player to the County Ground today. Steve Perrin, who has joined us on match-by-match terms after spells with Crystal Palace, Plymouth and Portsmouth, signed before Christmas and had a long and frustrating wait. We wish Steve a happy stay with us — and loads of goals.

Many of you will, we are sure, have been following the progress of moves to provide the town with a new sports stadium to which it might be possible for the Cobblers to move. At present the portents are not encouraging but the matter has yet to be decided finally.

Meanwhile our main task is to step up the entertainment value on the field because there is nothing like a few wins to re-create interest. Goals always catch the attention — and last week John Alexander hammered all four in our 4-1 reserve win over Cambridge United here at the County Ground.

John did the same a few years ago playing for Reading against Grimsby, so we hope he can keep the goals flowing for us now on.

On page eight of this programme you will find a full list of winners in our Christmas Draw. The festivities seem a long time ago but so far we have had no opportunity to show you the complete list.

Make sure you take a good look if you bought tickets. There are still a number of prizes unclaimed and if you are on the list call at the Club Shop just across the road in Abington Avenue.

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Meet the Visitors



WIGAN ATHLETIC

NOW in their fourth season of League Football, Wigan Athletic are again on the edge of the promotion race and it remains to be seen whether they can improve on the placings of sixth (twice) and 11th in 1978-79.

It was after no fewer than 25 attempts that Wigan Athletic gained Football League status in 1978. They had been formed in 1932 from the ashes of the disbanded Wigan Borough and after considerable time spent in the non-league ranks, they were finally accepted when they became the Northern Premier League in the Seventies.

They also pulled off several notable F.A. Cup feats, beating Sheffield Wednesday and going down by a single goal to Manchester City. They had a strong case for Football League status and managed to join Workington in the battle for the last Fourth Division place in the summer of 1978.

Over the past three seasons, their games have been above the average for Division Four, but they have been above the average for Division Four over the past three seasons and it was something of a disappointment that they did not achieve any sort of consistency last season though they did manage to beat us 2-0 at Wigan and draw 1-1 at home.

They also ended on a spectacular note with a 4-4 draw at Scunthorpe in their final game.

THIS SEASON

Highlight this season has been a League Cup run which saw them beat Luton Town 1-0, then draw 1-1 with Ipswich, and then beat Sheffield 2-1 to Aston Villa after leading for much of the game. Only Leeds United have won at Springfield Park so far and they have lost only two away games, winning at Hull, Colchester and Middlesbrough.

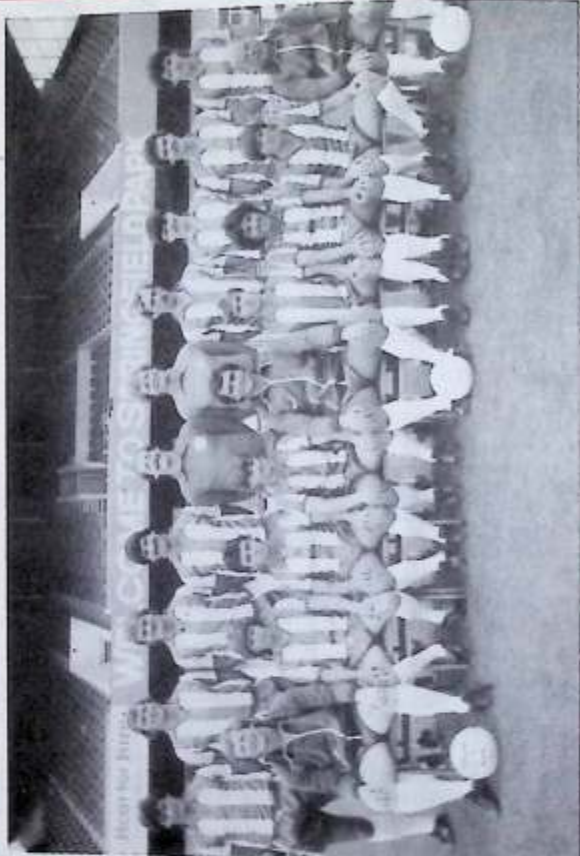
Though going down 1-0 in the FA Cup, they did reach the 4th round when they went down 2-3 in a real thriller at Burnley.

Player-manager LARRY LLOYD, who retired at Mansfield recently, is likely to be at the heart of the defence. CLIVE EVANS, who has scored 102 goals in 197 seasons for Wigan, is a proven goalscorer (see Preston and Crewe) has been asked this season to play on the wing.

In midfield MARK WIGNALL, another home-grown product, links up with new signing JIM WESTON and MIKE BARRROW, as his long experience in the Northern Premier League days and sadly experienced LES BRADDO (ex-Notts County and Stockport) has well over 150 League goals to his credit while CLIVE EVANS is a new signing this season, from Tranmere.

MIKE QUINN, who scored a total of three goals against us last season, is a proven goalscorer and a real threat.

LARRY LLOYD (centre, Defender/Player Manager), Height 5'7", Weight 13½ stone. Appointed in the second half of last season as player-manager, this local hard-headed English character has taken control of the team and is a real threat. He has scored 102 goals in 197 seasons. A former competitor, with over 400 Football League games to his credit, and a wealth of experience, acquired with Bristol Rovers, Grimsby, Gillingham, York and Huddersfield Town, Larry Lloyd expects



WIGAN ATHLETIC: Rows (l to r) — First Five (left, manager), Kevin Sheehan, Mark Wignall, David Glenn, Larry Lloyd (manager), Elton Moulden, John McInnes, Jeff Wright, Jimmy Roberts (trainer/coach), Back — Clive Evans, Les Bradd, Neil Dawkins, Graham Barrrow, John Brown, Bob Ward, Colin Matthews, Alan Quinn, Peter Houghton, Alex Colby.

In Retrospect

Compiled by Tom Garnell

WIGAN ATHLETIC

Founded: 1932

Honours: None

League membership: 1978—date

LEAGUE RECORD:

Division 4 3 Seasons P 138 W 60 D 37 L 41 Goals For 190 Against 164 Pts 157
1980/1 Record: Div. 4 11th P 46 W 18 D 11 L 17 Goals For 51 Against 55 Pts 47
First League match: 19th August 1978 A v HEREFORD UNITED Drew 0-0 (Div.4)
Promotions, relegations and re-election applications: None

Best seasons in each competition: Div.4 1978/79 & 1979/80 6th
League Cup 2nd Round 1978/79 & 1980/81
F.A. Cup 4th Round 1979/80

International players: None

1978/79 Div.4 2-4 0-2 1979/80 Div.4 0-0 1-2 1980/81 Div.4 1-1 0-3

SUMMARY. All Div. 4 P 6 Home W 0 D 2 L 1 Goals For 3 Against 5
Away W 0 D 0 L 3 Goals For 1 Against 7



great things this year. Certainly, he will produce a side that will be hard to beat and they yet achieve the promotion so earnestly hoped for.

COLIN MATHYEN (Central Defender): Height 6'7". Weight 12st 12lb. Manager Ian McNeill's deep knowledge of Scottish football installed him in this strong and powerful player who became Wigan's record signing at a fee of £30,000 from Celtic in October, 1979. He is a powerful, strong, and hard-working player who has been a mainstay of the defence since he joined the club. He is good in the air and strong in the tackle, soon took over as Captain of the Wigan side and led his team to glory in Wigan's great F.A. Cup run, seasons 1979/1980. Another key figure in Wigan's promotion campaign, he has been a mainstay of the defence since he arrived at English and Scottish Football League level.

ALEX CRIBBLE (Midfield): Height 5'11". Weight 12st 8lb. After a successful trial, he joined Wigan from Liverpool in 1980 and has been a mainstay of the defence since he joined the club. He is a determined defender, who is equally at home in the back four as he is in midfield. Very popular with the Wigan fans, who appreciate the fact that he is a local lad. He has been a mainstay of the defence since he arrived at English and Scottish Football League level.

CLIVE EVANS (Midfield): Height 5'7". Weight 10st 10lb. Joined Wigan in his club season from Tottenham Hotspur for a transfer fee, having already completed over 150 Football League appearances and scored over 20 goals for his parent club. He has played prominently in the defence and in the midfield, and has been a mainstay of the defence since he arrived at English and Scottish Football League level.

GRAHAM BARROW (Midfield): Height 6'2". Weight 12st. Another club season signed from Altona Premier League side, Altona, he has been a mainstay of the defence since he arrived at English and Scottish Football League level.

DAVID GLENN (Winger): Height 5'9". Weight 10st 10lb. Wigan's first signing from the Football League, he has been a mainstay of the defence since he arrived at English and Scottish Football League level.

MIKE QUINN (Forward): Height 5'10". Weight 12st. After joining the team through the Wigan Athletic Youth XI and the Reserves, Mike made his name as the club's leading goal scorer in the 1981/82 season. He is a powerful, strong, and hard-working player who has been a mainstay of the defence since he arrived at English and Scottish Football League level.

LES BRADY (Forward): Height 6'1". Weight 12st 20lb. A player of some experience, with over 100 Football League appearances and over 20 goals to his name, he has been a mainstay of the defence since he arrived at English and Scottish Football League level.

PETER Houghton (Forward): Height 5'11". Weight 12st 20lb. After proving a great deal of promise in Wigan Athletic's first two seasons in League football, Peter struggled last year against a serious injury. He is a powerful, strong, and hard-working player who has been a mainstay of the defence since he arrived at English and Scottish Football League level.

JEFF WRIGHT (Midfield): Height 5'11". Weight 12st 20lb. The last working and author football player has appeared since 1978 for Wigan Athletic as a Football League player. He has been a mainstay of the defence since he arrived at English and Scottish Football League level.



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Looking Back..... 30 years

AFTER beating Aldershot 6-2 here two days earlier, we lost 2-0 at Gillingham on January 26, 1951. All the goals came in the first half with Willie O'Donnell replying to those by Derek Lewis and Charlie Burtenshaw. Teams:-

GILLINGHAM: Rigg; Marks, Murray; Boswell, Niblett, Forrester; Russell, Burtenshaw, Thomas, Lewis, Briggs.

NORTHAMPTON: Wood; Collins, Connell; Davie, Croy, Hughes; English, Smith, O'Donnell, Ramsar, Fowler. Attendance: 10,000.

We were now ten points behind Third Division leaders Plymouth, who won 2-1 at Bristol Rovers before a gate of over 28,000.

The day's biggest gate was at Highbury where Arsenal dropped a home point to Manchester City in a battle between the clubs in second and third places. Both were now two points behind Portsmouth, who surprisingly lost 2-0 at home to Sunderland for whom Trevor Ford and Len Shackleton got the goals.

Second Division leaders Birmingham also lost at home to Everton and Leicester were now only a point behind them after beating Doncaster. Lincoln and Gateshead continued to lead the way in Division One after home wins over Gateshead and Workington respectively.

20 years

WE lost a mid-table Third Division clash here on January 27, 1962 when goals by Alan Withers and Tony Hatley earned Notts County a 2-1 win, Barry Lines getting our solitary replay. Team:

NORTHAMPTON: Brodie; Foley, Mills; Everitt, Branstion, Leck; Spelman, Holton, Terry, Reid, Lines.

Portsmouth strengthened their grip on the top of our division with a 3-2 win over Coventry while Colchester stayed ahead of Wrexham at the top of Division Four.

Shock results in the fourth round F.A. Cup-ties played on the same day were few, but two Third Division teams, Port Vale and Shrewsbury, earned replays against First Division opposition in Sunderland and Middlesbrough respectively. Spurs meanwhile chalked up the day's highest score, 5-1 at Plymouth with Jimmy Greaves netting twice.

10 years

FRANK Large got a hat-trick and Lew Chatterley was also on the mark in our 4-2 win over Chester here on January 22, 1972 to remove memories of our disappointing 2-1 home defeat by Workington a week earlier. Teams:

NORTHAMPTON: Starling; Neal, Foulds, Clarke, Bukowski, Chatterley, Gould, Hold, Large, Kiernan, Felton.

CHESTER: Livesey; Edwards, Griffiths, Turner, Ashworth, Pountney, Morrissey, Draper, Loyden, Kennedy, McHale. Attendance: 3,161.

Both teams were in mid-table with Brentford just ahead of Scunthorpe at the top of Division Four. Meanwhile Leeds beat Sheffield United with an Allan Clarke goal and stayed ahead of Manchester City on goal average after the latter's 2-1 win at Crystal Palace. Norwich dropped a home point to Preston but stayed five points ahead of nearest rivals Millwall and Q.P.R. in Division Two.



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JOHN ALEXANDER puts in hard work in training. It paid off with four goals against Cambridge United Reserves last week.

THE LEAGUE AND THE LEAGUE SYSTEM

By WILLIAM MCGREGOR (*The Founder*)

The invention of the League system—Its rapid growth and expansion—The rise of professionalism—My first circular to the clubs—The historic meeting at Anderton's Hotel—The title "The League" adopted—The second meeting at the Royal Hotel, Manchester—How the League system revived football in the Midlands—The power of the Press—High standard of play at once commands public attendance—The Cup and the League—The value of the League system to junior football—A popular fallacy exposed—Why the Football Association should always be the governing body



Howard Barrett

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Football has seen many changes. Beginning as quite a desultory pastime, club matches were for long deemed the highest form of football fixture, because no other kind of fixture was known. Then, with increase of interest, came Interna-

tional matches; then district associations took shape, and we had interesting games between picked forces of those associations, and very attractive the games were. Then there came the professional era, and with it came the Football

INSIDE STORY

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WILLIAM MCGREGOR

Mr. William McGregor was born at the little village of Braco, in Perthshire, in 1847, and first saw a football at the age of seven. When Mr. McGregor went to Birmingham thirty-five years ago he associated himself with Aston Villa, and has held every honorary office in connection with the club. Mr. McGregor founded the Football League in 1888, and was its first president. When he retired from the office he was elected a life member. He is vice-president and life member of Aston Villa, he represents the Birmingham Association on the council of the Football Association, being a member of the finance committee of that body, and he is a vice-president of the Staffordshire Football Association. He is president of the Birmingham Youths and Old Boys' Association, president of the Birmingham Wednesday Association, and president of the Birmingham Junior Charity Association. He is on the appeals committee of the Staffordshire Association, and also on that of the Birmingham League.

League. As the founder of the Football League, I suppose I am naturally looked to as its apologist. Well, there is not much to apologise for; there is much to explain. I suppose no institution ever founded in connection with a national pastime has been girded at so freely as the Football League. To some the very term "league" seems to act as a red rag is currently supposed to act to a bull. I have heard people say they hated, detested, and loathed the word "league". I have usually put these people down — I was going to say as brainless asses, but perhaps that would be too strong a term, so I will say as foolish people.

I do not see that the title of an organisation

matters much; its scope and objects matter vitally. I wonder what would happen if you could blot out the league system from sport from this day onward? I wonder who would be the better for it? Ninety-nine players out of every hundred, and ninety-nine clubs out of every hundred, would be infinitely worse off, because no principle ever formulated in connection with sport has caused so much really genuine, bona-fide competition as the league system.

No sooner was the League formed than it was copied throughout the country, and now it is the accepted form of football strife. The colleges at Oxford and Cambridge play their matches on the league system, and they gain greatly in interest by reason of that. The man who says he loathes the word "league" is foolish, and there is an end to the argument.

There can be nothing objectionable in the term "league"; it is a simple principle; the principle is that each club identified with a certain body shall play every club connected with that body. What could be simpler, and what could be fairer and more complete, I cannot imagine.

If you put it to me that the first league ever originated in connection with football made itself somewhat unpopular by its selfish methods during its early history, then I will grant there was much to deplore. But we all make mistakes; every juvenile makes mistakes; possibly the Football League made mistakes during its infancy. It did, and the boycott that it established was calculated to do the organisation infinite harm. But the League legislators recognised that, and withdrew the boycott. Today there are hundreds and hundreds of leagues in different parts of the country, well organised, and carrying on their competitions in a way creditable to themselves and convenient to the affiliated clubs. I regard the league as a great and imperishable system. It has spread from football to practically every phase of organised sport under the sun. We have our polo leagues, our air-gun leagues, our cricket leagues; and I say the man who declares that the principle is not a good one has the whole sporting world against him. It would scarcely have caught on as it did if it had not possessed good points, and many of them.

The League was originally established in the

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interests of an handful of senior clubs, the sole object the promoters had in view being to provide a regular and fixed programme for those Saturdays which were not given over to Association and other cup-ties. Prior to the inception of the League, fixtures had been kept or cancelled pretty much at the caprice of the clubs interested, and I recall one period in Aston Villa's history in which, owing to matches being written off at the last moment, and the operations of frost and bad weather, not a single game was played for five Saturdays.

People who rail at the League forget the state football was in at the time that the League was founded. It is a very easy matter to rail at the League, but if some of these wisecracks had been responsible for football government at the time that I introduced the system, they would have known that something of the kind was essential.

Football was rapidly going to the bad, and if something had not been done, I really believe that the game would have received a very severe check, and its popularity would have been paralysed once and for all. I am not saying that football would have died, because football will never die. Even if the time should come when it ceases to be the highly organised sport it is today, it will still be the pastime of the juveniles, because it is not easy to conceive the introduction of a game which will prove its superior.

It is all very well for people to talk about the iniquities of the League now that some of our clubs can make £5,000 a year, but they must put themselves into the position of the men who were face to face with a difficult problem at the time the League was brought into being. I was one of those men; I was connected with the management of Aston Villa — officially connected therewith. I may say that the late George Kynock and I were responsible for the lease of the Aston Villa ground. Someone had to be responsible for these things, because Aston Villa was not then a limited liability company. In fact, people howled when I proposed it should be formed into one; but then people will howl at anything which is novel. It is all very well to howl, but when you are responsible for a lease, and when you get a handful of bills which have to be met, and no gate-money is com-

ing in, then you want something more practical than howling.

The position was this. Professionalism had been introduced, and with the professional came the weekly wage list. Players had had money before, but if there was no money they did not have it; which was a very simple plan, an easily worked system for both club and players. I saw that the only way to meet these weekly wage lists was to obtain good gates. Good gates had become imperative. It seemed to me that if we could get twelve of the leading clubs to pledge themselves to play each other a regular course of matches, such matches to be regarded as inviolate, we should get the crowd regularly.

In the old days clubs were continually crying off engagements at the last moment owing to cup-ties, and poor worried secretaries used to have to rush about, wire, and write all over the country in order to get a match. Very often a match would be written off on the Friday. I have known a fixture wired off on the Saturday morning. Owing to the multiplicity of local cup competitions, clubs ceased to issue fixture cards, and most of our clubs were in a really parlous condition. How dreary some of the games were! No one enjoyed the really rousing game of old more than I did, but clubs were not then exempt from the preliminary rounds of local and national cup competitions, and it was not edifying to see a strong club beat a minor team by 26 goals to nil. You could not expect people to take interest in such fixtures, but the professionals' wage-bill was there, and it had to be met.

Accordingly, on March 2, 1888, I sent the following circular to Aston Villa, Bolton Wanderers, Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, and West Bromwich Albion:

"Every year it is becoming more and more difficult for football clubs of any standing to meet their friendly engagements, and even arrange friendly matches. The consequence is that at the last moment, through cup-tie interferences, clubs are compelled to take on teams who will not attract the public. I beg to tender the following suggestion as a means of getting over the difficulty. That ten or twelve of the most prominent clubs in England combine to arrange home-and-home fixtures each sea-

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son, the said fixtures to be arranged at a friendly conference about the same time as the International conference. This combination might be known as the Association Football Union, and could be managed by a representative from each club. Of course, this is in no way to interfere with the National Association; even the suggested matches might be played under cup-tie rules. However, this is a detail. My object in writing you at present is merely to draw your attention to the subject, and to suggest a friendly conference to discuss the matter more fully. I would take it as a favour if you would kindly think the matter over, and make whatever suggestion you may deem necessary. I am only writing to the following: Blackburn Rovers, Bolton Wanderers, Preston North End, West Bromwich Albion, and Aston Villa, and should like to hear what other clubs you would suggest.

"I am, yours very truly,
"WILLIAM MCGREGOR.

"P.S.—How would Friday, March 23, 1888, suit for the friendly conference at Anderton's Hotel, London?"

ton Wanderers, Accrington, Burnley, Old Carlusians, Halliwell, Notts County, Mitchell St. George's, and Stoke. In the second circular sent out by me, Accrington, Burnley, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Stoke, Notts, Preston North End, Bolton Wanderers, Blackburn Rovers, West Bromwich Albion, and Aston Villa were invited to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, London, on the night previous to West Bromwich Albion and Preston North End meeting in the English Cup Final at the Oval. The meeting unanimously approved of my suggestion. Later we had to find a name. I proposed that it should be called the Association Football Union, but many thought that this would be likely to cause confusion with the Rugby Union.

Then someone suggested "The League"; but that did not please me, for two reasons, I fancy. One was that, as a lad, I had heard far too much for my comfort of the solemn League and Covenant, and in the second place the Irish National



R. P. Gregson, F.R.P.S.

THE LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, 1903-4

Buck Row: W. W. Hart, J. McKenna, H. S. Redford. Front Row: William McGregor, T. H. Sidney, J. J. Bentley, John Lewis, T. Charnley (Secretary).

The replies from all the clubs were favourable. Mr. J. J. Bentley wrote to me as secretary of Bolton Wanderers, and gave it as his opinion that the first clubs chosen should be West Bromwich Albion, Preston North End, Aston Villa, Blackburn Rovers, Bolton Wanderers, Wolverhampton

League and the Irish Land League were so unpopular then that I jibbed at the word "league." However, I was soon brought to see that it was a good one, and so it became the Football League, with Mr. Harry Lockett, of Stoke, as hon. secretary, and myself as the first president.

This meeting was at the Royal Hotel, Manchester, on April 17, 1888, when the twelve clubs were selected and rules drawn up. The decision was that the League should consist of Preston North End, Aston Villa, West Bromwich Albion, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Bolton Wanderers, Everton, Notts County, Derby County, Stoke, Burnley, Accrington, and Blackburn Rovers. There were thus six Midland teams and six Lancashire teams. Many other clubs wanted to come in, but we could only see our way to having twenty-two vacant dates during the season, and so it was decided to keep to the twelve. They were all professional clubs, and each club was bound to play its strongest eleven in every match, under a penalty of forfeiting its position. The original idea was to pool the gates, and that was the reason why Everton were admitted, because they were not so powerful as the other clubs at that time, but were growing in power every day.

The rules were short and simple; they were five in number, with two additional ones with respect to referees.

The first contentious item we had to deal with was in regard to regulating the positions of the clubs according to merit. In the paper I read at the first meeting convened in connection with the League, I pointed out — and I really think I am entitled to some little credit for foreshadowing so accurately what happened — the help we were sure to get from the Press in regard to the publication of a weekly table of results. I do not mean to claim that I foresaw the League table of the future would be of such supreme importance. Still, I did foresee that it would be one of the primary factors in maintaining interest in our doings. I consider that the publicity that the table has received has been one of the main factors in the success of the League competition, and I trust clubs will never forget the debt they owe to newspapers in this connection. If there had been no League table, there would assuredly not have been such widespread interest in the League as there is today.

What was the result of the starting of the League programme? Football immediately had a new lease of life. People knew that if a match was announced between Preston North End and Blackburn Rovers, they would see Preston and Blackburn at their best. They would see their strongest elevens, and they would see them fight with grim determination.

Now it may be that this highly competitive form of football has a few drawbacks, but there can be no doubt as to its many excellencies. Its chief excellency is that people like it, and will go to see it. People knew that they could rely upon watching an interesting game each week, and soon the attendance at League games became treble what they had been when the same matches were played as friendlies.

Of course, the League was started at an oppor-

tune time; just when Preston North End were at the zenith of their power. But under any conditions it would have been a success. It was a success from the start, and the League, as an organisation has gone on extending its power ever since. It has never had anything in the way of a set-back. The increase in League gates continued, and clubs found that the new order of things had given them what was so absolutely essential, viz., a certain income — an income which enabled them to concentrate their attention on the League, save for the four or five Saturdays when the English Cup competition claimed their attention; and that attention they were only too proud to give.

The remarkably high standard of play maintained in League games compelled the attendance of the public. Prior to the establishment of the League, players had been a law unto themselves. They had shown in-and-out form, varying their play according to the strength of their opponents. No one knew how to estimate the strength of the respective first-class clubs. After a team had been knocked out of the English Cup competition — possibly in the first round — all interest in their doings ceased for the season.

But in the League was discovered a system by which the true form of a club could be determined. The championship of the League does not fall to the team which happens to be in form during one portion of the winter only; it can only be secured by the eleven which has played consistently for the whole term of the competition. The League speedily showed its capacity for raising the standard of professional football throughout the country. The professional was producing big gates; and the labourer is worthy of his hire. His wages rose in relation to the amount of ability he displayed, such ability being represented, more or less, by the magnitude of the crowd which that ability drew.

The league system is as much the property of the amateur as of the professional. Most of the junior clubs are wholly amateur, but I do not know that they find their competitions any the less successful on that account. The league is not a bogey; it is a principle. The mere fact that the League happened to be initiated in the interests of a particular organisation, composed exclusively of professional teams, is no condemnation of the principle, which now obtains almost as much in cricket as in football.

At present, so far as strong teams are concerned, the League competition and the English Cup fit in nicely. Just as some teams may be feeling disappointed at the poor show they have made in the League, the English Cup competition comes along, full of thrilling uncertainty and it comes along at an opportune time. Nothing will ever interfere with the popularity of the English Cup; it is sure to go on in its present form. But in various parts of the country we have cup competitions

conducted on the league principle, and conducted with great success. At first there was a disposition to regard this as a dangerous innovation, but so long as the authority of the district association is paramount, I fail to see that it matters whether the competition under its auspices is upon the league or the knock-out principle. In a small association, whose competition does not embrace more than a dozen clubs, the running of that competition on league lines is a boon to the association. It rests

with the association to turn the league system to their own purposes, and not to inveigh against it, as there was a tendency to do years ago.

In regard to junior football, the inauguration of the league system has been of profound value. It has given the youngsters competitions in which they can take an intelligent and consecutive interest right through the season. And I can assure you that the enthusiasm which the youngsters, as a whole, manifest in their various league tourna-



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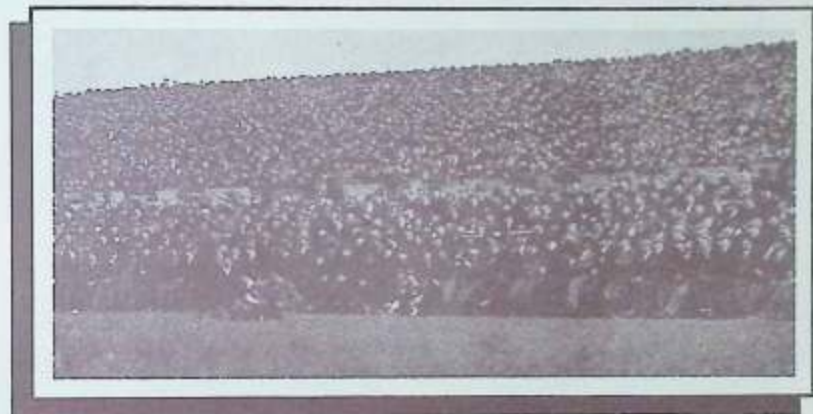
ments is intense. Leagues, it is true, have crippled the local associations, and they have destroyed interest in the cup competitions, and have quite knocked on the head the old inter-association matches. This is to be deplored, but we live in a world of change, and governing bodies must adapt themselves to varying circumstances.

But the big League game has not killed the junior match. I remember the time when in any district if there was a big match one half the smaller clubs in the neighbourhood would cancel

interest in the doings of a few clubs. The few do exceptionally well at the expense of the many.

But, as I say, things are righting themselves somewhat, and today football of medium strength is flourishing in Lancashire.

There is one point which I must not forget. A league should never aspire to be a governing body. There was a time when I was disposed to think — and I believe I advocated the principle openly, so I must be candid about it — that the League should govern professional football; but, after all, I have



Howard Barrett

A SECTION OF A GREAT CROWD AT THE ASTON VILLA GROUND, ASTON, BIRMINGHAM
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their games to go and watch the seniors play. But now the juniors have their own leagues. They play their games — which to them, at least, are of vital importance — and only take an academic interest in the doings of the senior clubs.

Now, surely, this must be approved by those who declaim against people watching football and say that they should all be playing. Never in the history of the game, I venture to say, has there been less interest in big games on the part of the juniors than there is today. Boys do go to see the big clubs play, but wherever you go you come across hundreds of small matches, and I can assure you that these small matches are more rigidly observed today than they were prior to the establishment of the league system. This is a great point in favour of the League.

The one evil of the league system is that in the very nature of things it is apt to visit lack of success with punishment out of all proportion to the offence. We know that the League was the cause of some old teams in Lancashire practically dying out. Some of them have revived since by becoming identified with sectional leagues. The tendency of the League is, in a sense, to concentrate

come to see that it is best for the whole government of football to be in the hands of the Football Association. And so far as I know, the leagues do not desire it to be in other hands. The League have their work to do; they have to look after their own interests, but they should not seek to govern. A body whose aims are necessarily selfish, as those of the League are, ought not to desire to be a governing body. When the League meet, they are actuated by the interests of the League clubs. The general good of football is not then their chief concern.

The Football Association meets to control the game as a whole. It has no interest in professionalism; it has no interest in amateurism. It has to hold the scales fairly as between the two great sections of the football world. The League, in asking whether a certain thing is good for them, does not stop to think what its effect will be upon, say, the next thirty-six clubs outside. All this is natural, but still it unfits the League for being a governing body. All that it should aim at is to make its own competition successful, and leave the government of football to the body which naturally assumes such functions.



AN ECHO FROM THE PAST—THE BOLTON WANDERERS' TEAM OF THE EARLY EIGHTIES

Back Row: Kennedy, Dobson, Bromiley, McKernan, Steel, Mr. J. Parkinson (Umpire). Front Row: Howarth, Fallon, Struthers, Gleave, Davenport, Scholes.

The Bolton Charity Cup: Bolton Wanderers were frequent winners of the Charity Cup here depicted. Of the players, McKernan and Howarth have gone hence.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

by W. D. NIXON

Where the game is played for its own sake—The wall game at Eton—Winchester and the Association game—The objection to peculiar school games—The Association game at Charterhouse and its famous players—Westminster—Malvern College—Repton—Shrewsbury—The smaller schools—"Old Boy" clubs—The Arthur Dunn Memorial Cup—A glance backward and some records—The value of football at the schools

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shine in his sports and to get on to the goal that lies before him — the highest distinctions and honours that his school can give him.

In our biggest and best-known public schools, where the game is played at all under recognised codes, enthusiasm is about equally divided between Rugby and Association.

It is a curious fact that our greatest public school — Eton — should not play a recognised game. Etonians have their own particular style,

know as the "wall game," but there is a leaning towards Association, especially among the past members of the school; and the Old Etonians have won a great name in the football world, especially in former years, when the competition of professional teams was not so great. In fact, we find the Old Etonians figuring in six Finals of the English Cup, which they managed to secure in 1879 and 1882, beating the Blackburn Rovers in the latter year. In the first two Finals in which they took part, it is rather curious to note that a re-play took place in each case, no definite decision being arrived at at the first attempt.

ists for many and many a generation. However, with the advance of years and the growth in the popularity of the recognised codes, these schools have had to give up their own particular game, and bring themselves in line with more popular methods. Thus it has come about that Winchester has drifted towards Association; and it is now played by them for one of the two winter terms, whilst their own game holds sway during the rest of the season. Winchester has turned out many good "Soccer" players.

Probably it is only a matter of time before all these schools play entirely under one of the two



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**ST. ANDREW'S DAY AT ETON—THE FIELD GAME—MASTERS v OLD ETONIANS
"ROUGE HIM!"**

The field game is closely allied to the Association code, and is played by eleven a side. The field is 100 to 120 yards long by 80 to 100 yards wide. The ball is about half the size of the Association ball. Play is characterised by combined forward rushes down the field. There are eight forwards, a short behind, long behind, and goal. The main object is for the forwards to drive the ball over the enemy's base-line or through the goal.

Harrow also have played a game peculiar to themselves, but it runs very much on the lines of the ordinary Association game. It is rather curious, therefore, that a school of such a size and reputation should not have turned out more Association players who have made a name in after years. Old Harrovian football is very weak, and this may be the cause of the authorities deciding to start a new era in the school football. However, whatever be the reason, Harrow are going to take up Rugby, and, being situated so near to London, should be able to turn out a fifteen who should prove above the average, and there ought to be no difficulty in getting a full and regular fixture list with all the chief clubs playing in and around London.

Winchester, one of our very oldest schools, and, consequently, one with many a cherished association and tradition, has also its own particular game. This has been played by Wykeham-

recognised codes, for as matters stand at present any school playing its own game suffers two serious disadvantages. Firstly, there is bound to be difficulty in getting matches, and this must detract somewhat from the enthusiasm the game infuses into the school life. The aim of a public schoolboy is to get into his school team, and that team's status must depend upon its success, which, without matches with opponents capable of giving it a good game, must be a difficult matter to gauge.

There is another strong objection to any school playing a game peculiar to itself, that objection being that when schooldays are over a young fellow has got no credentials with which to join any club, and keep up his exercise; and this every man should endeavour to do as long as he is able. It is distasteful, and even difficult, for a player of eighteen or nineteen years of age to start to learn a new game. In Association, all

clubs who draw their recruits from the public schools play the game up to a very fair standard, and would be unable to find an opening for a complete novice. Consequently, many a young athlete on leaving one of these schools has to abandon football, whereas he might have made a fine player under a recognised code of rules.

I will now turn my attention to those schools which do play the Association game pure and simple, and endeavour to give a brief outline of their position and strength one by one.

It is among our more old-established schools that we find the best teams. It is a matter of some difficulty to absolutely decide the best school at Association football, but if the matter were put to public vote, pride of place would probably go to Charterhouse.



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**ST. ANDREW'S DAY AT ETON—THE FIELD GAME—
MASTERS v OLD ETONIANS
TRYING TO CONVERT A "ROUGE"**

A "rouge" is a minor point scored by forcing the enemy to play the ball over their base-line. The attacking side then endeavour to convert the "rouge" into a goal. A "bully" is formed a yard in front of the posts (the goal is 12ft. wide by 6ft. high), and by sheer weight the attacking forwards try to "worry" the ball through the goal. A goal score is equivalent to that of three "rouges".

For a long time Carthusians have held a high

place in the amateur world, and since the Charterhouse was moved from London to Godalming, in 1872, the school has year after year turned out players of a very high order.

The names of those players who have made great reputations for themselves after learning their first steps at Charterhouse make a long list, but there are probably few followers of the game who are not familiar with the names of G. O. Smith, W. N. Cobbold, the Stanboroughs, the brothers Walters, G. C. Vassall, and the Wreford-Browns.

These men are all so famous that it seems imperative to give a brief outline of their records. G. O. Smith, the great "G.O.," was probably the greatest centre-forward we have ever seen. He played centre-forward for his school, and subsequently filled the same position for Oxford for four years. He gained his first International cap against Ireland at the age of twenty-one, and has altogether played in twenty International matches.

W. N. Cobbold also holds an unique record, for he took up Association after playing Rugby at Cranbrook. He played for Cambridge for four years, and during that time Cambridge won every match.

The brothers Walters won great renown as full-backs. They played together for England from 1885 to 1890. They went to separate Universities, A. M., the younger brother, playing for Cambridge, and P. M. getting his "Blue" at Oxford. It is worthy of note that P. M. Walters failed to get into the Charterhouse team when at school.

G. C. Vassall is a forward of a more recent date. He went from his school team into the Oxford eleven, which he captained in 1899. He also has done great service for the Corinthians, and got his International cap in 1899 against Ireland. Their chief school match is with Westminster, whom they severely defeated last season, and they have lately secured a fixture with Winchester.

Westminster must come second, if only by reason of its honoured name. The school has not had a team of recent years at Vincent Square quite capable of keeping up the name it once had. Their chief match is with Charterhouse, and

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**ST. ANDREW'S DAY AT ETON—THE WALL GAME—
COLLEGIERS v OPPIDANS
A "BULLY" BEING BROKEN UP**

The wall game is played by eleven a side, and is started by a "bully" in the centre of the field against the wall. A "bully" consists on each side of five players, who are sub-divided into "walls" (three in number) and "seconds" (two in number). The rest of the players are "outsiders" and "behinds". The first principle of the game is to score "fair shies" in the enemy's "calk".

in recent years the "Pinks" have done none too well. However, everyone will wish them better times, and these are bound to come with a few new players of the calibre of the Moons and R. N. R. Blaker. The chief school fixture is with Charterhouse, as already stated, and it takes place at Westminster and Godalming in alternate years. Before leaving Westminster football, one word of appreciation must be given to S. S.

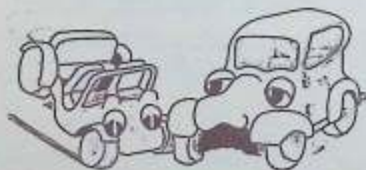
Harris, Westminster's "star" production of late years, and one of the most brilliant amateur forwards now playing Association. He came into great prominence at Cambridge, and since then has done some sterling work for the Corinthians, notably in the final of the Dewar Shield in 1904, when he scored 5 goals off his own foot against Bury. He got his International cap against Scotland in 1904, and again in 1905 he was twice "capped". He has played this season for Portsmouth.

Malvern College, in Worcestershire, must certainly claim next place. This school is of much more recent date, and was only opened forty years ago, therefore its sudden and complete success in the football world is the more remarkable. Probably no school has turned out a larger percentage of "star" performers. C. J. Burnup, J. Balfour-Melville, G. L. Mellin, W. H. B. Evans, and the famous Foster family all learned their football here. All these players are Corinthians.

Another school of "stars" is Repton. It has certainly been established for over 300 years, but only containing some 300 boys it has always done remarkably well. They generally have a very good team, and annually play two very keen matches with Malvern and Shrewsbury, both of which they managed to win last season. Of their "stars," Charles B. Fry is certainly the chief. And it was Repton which produced that most artistic batsman, L. C. H. Palairret, and his brother, R. C. N.; and, still more recently, R. A. Young, the brilliant young Cantab. The name of F. G. J. Ford, popularly known as "Alphabet" Ford, must be added to this list. All these names will be familiar to cricketers, but these men have also figured largely in the football world; and if the Rev. W. Blackburn and G. S. Harris are added to the list, we have a fair sample of the class of players Repton has given us. Charles

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Shrewsbury also play the Association game, and though it is a small school numerically, and plays a less prominent part in the public eye, nevertheless there have been Salopians of more

than average merit. W. J. Oakley and M. M. Morgan Owen are two of Shrewsbury's most famous players, Oakley making a great name as a full-back in partnership with C. B. Fry. Oakley played for England every year from 1895 to 1901, except in 1899, and he assisted G. O. Smith to write the Badminton Library volume on the game.

There are many smaller public schools playing under the dribbling code, and of these Brighton, Bradfield, Lancing, Radley, Rossall, and Sherborne are the chief.

Brighton is about sixty years old, and with 150 boys generally have a pretty sound team, and can boast of L. H. Gay and G. H. Cotterill amongst its past members. L. H. Gay played for Cambridge and England.



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THE WALL GAME AT ETON—COLLEGERS v OPPIDANS OPPIDANS TRYING TO KICK INTO CALX

The field of play in the wall game is 120 yards long by 6 yards wide. The goals are: In "good calx," a door in the wall; in "bad calx," a section marked on a large elm to correspond with the door. Calx is a term given to an area thirty feet distant from the end of the wall, and is clearly defined by a chalk line running down the wall from the top to the bottom. It is within calx that the "shies" are scored. A "shy" is scored by a player getting the ball between his outside foot and the wall, thus raising it off the ground. He then has the privilege of "shying at the goal". If a goal is scored (a very rare occurrence) it takes precedence of any number of "shies".

Bradfield and Lancing have teams of about the same standard of strength. The former school plays an annual match with Radley, in which the results are about equal; and Lancing's chief rival is Brighton.

Radley has a small number of boys, and the team would be stronger if there was not a counter-attraction in rowing. The Radleians play their two chief matches with Bradfield and Malvern, but the Worcester school is generally too strong for them.

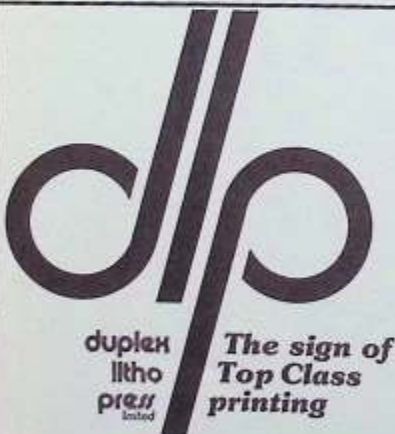
At Rossall the boys play under rather novel and pleasant surroundings. The school stands on the Lancashire sea coast, and the playing fields extend right down to the sands, and every Rossallian can speak of the keen games played in the bracing air of the "Hoi".

Most public schools endeavour to keep together their Old Boys in athletic clubs; and this branch of football has received great assistance owing to the competition for the Dunn Memorial Cup. This trophy was first competed for in the 1902-3 season, and was instituted in memory of one of the most famous and popular Etonian footballers — the late A. T. B. Dunn.

Judged by the Dunn Cup competition, Charterhouse bears off the palm, for it has been "there or thereabouts" every year. In the first year of the competition no definite result could be

arrived at, and the Old Carthusians and Old Salopians became joint holders. In the following two seasons, however, the Carthusians were undisputed winners, beating the Old Rossallians 2-0 in the season 1903-4, and the Repton representatives by the same margin last year. Looking through the results of the other principal cup competitions open to amateur clubs, the Carthusians figure very prominently, and still further strengthen their claim to be considered the best Old Boys' side. They secured the English Cup in the year 1881, and have won the Amateur Cup twice, and the London Senior Cup four times. The Old Westminsters come next with five victories, all secured in the London Senior Cup, which has also been twice secured by the Old Foresters. The Old Malvernians secured the London Cup in 1902, and the Amateur Cup in the previous season. To the Old Etonians belongs the record of having been the only schoolboy team to win the English Cup twice, in the years 1879 and 1882, but they have never won any other important cup contest.

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Commercial Scene BY GEOFF MOODY

WITH no matches being played at home since December 5, I am publishing the full results of the CHRISTMAS DRAW in this programme, and you will find them on **PAGE EIGHT**.

The results would, of course, have been published in several home programmes by this time but for the weather. There are still a few minor prizes that have not been claimed and if you have a lucky number you can collect your prize from the Commercial Offices, opposite the ground in Abington Avenue.

I take this opportunity to thanking all those who supported us in making this draw a success. The assistance to the club has been a great help in these difficult times. In addition a warm 'thank you' to all our lottery agents who support us by selling tickets 52 weeks of the year. Without your support the club's existence might even be in question.

Our next draw will be on the **WORLD CUP 1982**. Tickets will be 20p each with a first prize of £1,000 and a total prize money of more than £1,500.

Details will be sent out to season ticket holders later and please remember that anyone who can sell these tickets, or some of the lottery tickets will be a great help to us. If you can help, please contact the Commercial Department — at 195 ABINGTON AVENUE (Tel. 712847).

As you may well imagine the bad weather has caused the club all kinds of problems, and here in the office we have in stock the programmes for the four home matches that have been postponed to date — against **ROCHDALE, PORT VALE, YORK CITY and HALIFAX TOWN**.

A great deal will depend on when these matches are re-arranged as to the later use of these programmes as they have cost us a lot of money to print.

Any matches which are quickly changed to new dates, other than the ones above, may not have full programmes, only team sheets, as all copy and printing has to be with the printers **FIVE DAYS** before a match.

I will keep you informed on the programme developments as the season progresses and we will do our best to publish our standard programme.

Away Travel News

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Saturday only 9.00 — 12.00

And every March Day.

The shop will open for 30 minutes after each match.



Statcheck 81-82



Date	Opponents	Wins	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 23	SCUNTHORPE UTD	2.0	2,664	Poole	Stratford	Stratford	Finner	Driver	Coffin	Carlton	Healey	Philips	Bowen	Alexander	Sandy
Sept. 1	HARTLEPOOL L.C. (H)	1.1	1,485	Poole	Brady	Brady	Finner	Gage	Coffin	Carlton	Healey	Philips	Bowen	Alexander	Sandy
Sept. 8	York City	1.2	2,000	Poole	Brady	Brady	Finner	Gage	Coffin	Carlton	Healey	Philips	Bowen	Alexander	Sandy
Sept. 15	Hartlepool United (L.C. (H))	1.1	1,200	Poole	Brady	Brady	Finner	Gage	Coffin	Carlton	Healey	Philips	Bowen	Alexander	Sandy
Sept. 22	Wigan Athletic	1.3	3,066	Poole	Brady	Brady	Finner	Gage	Coffin	Carlton	Healey	Philips	Bowen	Alexander	Sandy
Sept. 29	Mansfield Town	1.4	2,382	Poole	Brady	Brady	Finner	Gage	Coffin	Carlton	Healey	Philips	Bowen	Alexander	Sandy
Oct. 6	SCUNTHORPE UTD	2.2	1,922	Poole	Brady	Brady	Finner	Gage	Coffin	Carlton	Healey	Philips	Bowen	Alexander	Sandy
Oct. 13	STOCKPORT UTD	1.5	2,760	Poole	Brady	Brady	Finner	Gage	Coffin	Carlton	Healey	Philips	Bowen	Alexander	Sandy
Oct. 20	Colchester United	1.5	2,760	Poole	Brady	Brady	Finner	Gage	Coffin	Carlton	Healey	Philips	Bowen	Alexander	Sandy
Oct. 27	Sheff. Rovers (L.C. (H))	2.1	4,576	Poole	Brady	Brady	Finner	Gage	Coffin	Carlton	Healey	Philips	Bowen	Alexander	Sandy
Nov. 3	A.F.C. Bournemouth	1.1	5,241	Poole	Brady	Brady	Finner	Gage	Coffin	Carlton	Healey	Philips	Bowen	Alexander	Sandy
Nov. 10	Bradford City	0.3	2,253	Poole	Brady	Brady	Finner	Gage	Coffin	Carlton	Healey	Philips	Bowen	Alexander	Sandy
Nov. 17	Bradford City	2.2	2,253	Poole	Brady	Brady	Finner	Gage	Coffin	Carlton	Healey	Philips	Bowen	Alexander	Sandy
Nov. 24	Sheff. Rovers	3.2	5,222	Poole	Brady	Brady	Finner	Gage	Coffin	Carlton	Healey	Philips	Bowen	Alexander	Sandy
Nov. 31	Sheff. Rovers	1.7	3,460	Poole	Brady	Brady	Finner	Gage	Coffin	Carlton	Healey	Philips	Bowen	Alexander	Sandy
Dec. 8	Sheff. Rovers	1.3	4,166	Poole	Brady	Brady	Finner	Gage	Coffin	Carlton	Healey	Philips	Bowen	Alexander	Sandy
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RESERVES HIT FOUR

THE departure of the snow at last enabled the Reserves to play a Mid-Week League match against Cambridge United here at the County Ground, and it brought a 4-1 victory.

Reserve performances may not mean a great deal as a rule, but after so many disappointments this season it was good to see many of the first team players seizing their chance to find form.

JOHN ALEXANDER in particular made the most of his chances, grabbing all four goals, several of them with superb shots.

It was not the first time John has scored four times in the same match. During his spell with Third Division Reading he once hit four goals against Grimsby Town — in a 4-0 win that time.

Another player who demonstrated considerable skill against Cambridge was MARK HEELEY, clearly happy to see the back of the snow.



MARK HEELEY — glad to see the back of the snow.



Meet the Ref....

ALFRED GREY from Gorleston-on-Sea is today's man-in-the-middle and he has been refereeing since 1960.

He started in Norfolk, moving on upwards through the Football Combination to qualify for the full Football League List in 1972. He was an F.A. Cup Final and European Cup semi-final linesman in 1972 and an F.A. Amateur Cup official in 1972. In 1977 he refereed the F.A. Youth Cup Final and the F.A. Trophy Final in 1978. He was appointed to the F.I.F.A. panel in 1977.

A married man with two sons he is production superintendent for a frozen foods company. He is interested in gardening, tennis and cricket, collects coins and is a chorister at his local church.

He is past president of the Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen and vice-president of the Great Yarmouth Referees' Association.

NEXT HOME MATCH

NORTHAMPTON TOWN

V

MANSFIELD TOWN

Tuesday, February 9th, 1982

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

How we Stand

Up to and including Saturday, 23rd January, 1982

	P	W	D	L	P	A	Pts
Sheffield	20	12	6	2	36	16	44
Colchester	21	13	4	4	49	22	43
Wigan	22	12	7	3	38	20	43
Barnford	21	13	3	5	46	28	42
Bury	21	11	8	2	25	12	41
Southernmouth	21	11	6	4	43	26	38
Peterborough	20	12	3	5	34	32	39
Red Vals	21	9	7	5	27	23	34
Blackpool	20	8	5	7	40	28	29
Torquay	22	8	5	9	25	24	29
Tranmere	22	7	7	8	24	27	28
Altrincham	20	7	4	9	26	35	25
Hull	18	7	2	9	24	24	24
Maribol	20	6	6	8	31	32	24
Doncaster	21	6	6	9	30	35	24
Derby	22	6	5	11	33	42	23
Halifax	21	4	8	9	19	28	21
Hereford	21	4	4	9	21	35	20
Rochdale	18	3	10	5	24	20	19
York	21	4	7	10	17	29	19
Scunthorpe	19	5	4	10	26	39	19
Crewe	20	4	5	11	19	26	17
Northampton	20	4	7	14	12	26	14
NORTHAMPTON	20	2	8	13	21	43	11

Season by Season

1960-61

We finally won promotion from Division Four after near misses in the previous two seasons.

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Peterborough U.	46	28	10	8	134	65	66
C. Palace	46	29	6	11	110	69	64
Northampton T.	46	25	10	11	90	62	60
Bradford	46	26	8	12	84	74	60
York C.	46	21	9	16	80	60	51
Millwall	46	21	8	17	97	86	50
Darlington	46	18	13	15	78	70	49
Workington T.	46	21	7	18	74	76	49
Crewe Alex.	46	20	9	17	61	67	49
Aldershot	46	18	9	19	79	69	45
Doncaster R.	46	19	7	20	76	78	45
Oldham Ath.	46	19	7	20	79	88	45
Stockport Co.	46	18	9	19	57	66	45
Southport	46	19	6	21	69	67	44
Gillingham	46	15	13	18	64	66	43
Wrexham	46	17	8	21	62	56	42
Rochdale	46	17	8	21	60	66	42
Accrington S.	46	16	8	22	74	88	40
Carlisle U.	46	13	13	20	61	79	39
Mansfield T.	46	16	6	24	71	78	38
Exeter C.	46	14	10	22	66	94	38
Barrow	46	13	11	22	52	79	37
Hartlepool U.	46	12	8	26	71	103	32
Chester	46	11	9	26	61	104	31

RESULTS:

Aug	20	Oldham	.....	A	2-1
	24	Workington	.....	A	0-3
	27	Aldershot	.....	H	2-1
	29	Workington	.....	H	3-2
Sept	3	Stockport	.....	H	4-2
	7	Crewe Alex.	.....	A	2-0
	10	Bradford P.A.	.....	A	3-1
	13	Crewe Alex.	.....	H	4-1
	17	Gillingham	.....	H	3-1
	19	Chester	.....	H	3-2
	24	Barrow	.....	A	0-1
Oct	1	Millwall	.....	H	2-2
	3	Accrington S.	.....	A	2-3
	8	Peterborough	.....	A	3-3
	15	Southport	.....	H	3-1
	22	Darlington	.....	H	1-1
	29	Crystal Pal.	.....	H	1-2
Nov	12	Hartlepool	.....	H	3-3

GOALSCORERS:

Brown 22, Leck 13, Deakin 11, Edwards 8, Wright 6, Lines 5, Moran 5, Everitt 4, Fowler 3, Olah 3, Tucker 3, Mills 2, Laird 1, Spelman 1, Cooke 1, own goals 2.

	19	Wrexham	.....	A	2-2
Dec	3	Rochdale	.....	A	1-1
	10	Mansfield	.....	H	1-0
	17	Oldham Ath.	.....	H	1-0
	26	York City	.....	A	1-0
	27	York City	.....	H	3-1
	31	Aldershot	.....	A	2-2
Jan	21	Bradford P.A.	.....	H	0-1
	28	Doncaster Rov.	.....	A	2-0
Feb	11	Barrow	.....	H	3-0
	18	Millwall	.....	A	1-3
	25	Peterborough	.....	H	0-3
March	4	Southport	.....	A	0-2
	8	Chester	.....	A	0-0
	11	Darlington	.....	H	1-1
	18	Crystal Pal.	.....	A	3-2
	21	Carlisle	.....	H	0-0
	25	Doncaster	.....	H	3-0
April	1	Hartlepool	.....	A	2-4
	3	Exeter City	.....	A	3-1
	4	Exeter City	.....	H	3-1
	8	Wrexham	.....	H	3-0
	12	Gillingham	.....	A	1-0
	15	Carlisle	.....	A	1-2
	17	Stockport	.....	A	1-1
	22	Rochdale	.....	H	5-1
	25	Accrington S.	.....	H	2-1
	27	Mansfield	.....	A	2-4

F.L. CUP

Round 2	Wrexham	.....	H	1-1
Replay	Wrexham	.....	A	0-3

F.A. CUP

Nov 5	Rd 1 Hastings	.....	H	2-1
Nov 26	Rd 2 Romford	.....	A	5-1
Jan 7	Rd 3 Luton	.....	A	0-4

APPEARANCES

Brewer A	18	Everitt M.	16	Olah B.	14
Brown L.	33	Fowler T.	19	Patterson R.	8
Branton T.	17	Gale C.	41	Phillips R.	42
Carson A.	1	Laird D.	12	Spelman R.	13
Claypole A.	42	Leck D.	29	Tucker K.	7
Coe N.	28	Lines B.	22	Wright M.	22
Cooke B.	31	Mills R.	45		
Edwards R.	15	Moran J.	15		

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